(Department of Revenue) Notifications G.S.R. Nos. 873(E) to 875(E), dated the 2nd December, 1985, exempting Component parts of electronic modules of digital, analogue, digi-ana and similar combination type electronic wrist watches imported for the manufacture of electronic modules, from basic customs duty in excess of 15 per cent *ad valorem* and whole of additional and auxiliary duties of customs leviable thereon, under section 159 of the Customs Act, 1962, together with an Explanatory Memorandum on the Notifications. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-1584/85].

III. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), Notification G.S.R. No. 880(E), dated the 3rd December, 1985, exempting from the whole of duty of excise, goods classifiable under item No. 68, of the first schedule of the Central Excise and Salt Act, 1944, which are manufactured by M/s. National Instruments Limited, Calcutta, and supplied to the Ministry of Defence for official use, together with an Explanatory Memorandum thereon. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-1585/85].

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE (West Bengal): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Seventeenth Report of the Public Accounts Committee on Excesses over Voted Grants and Charged Appropriations (1983-84) and action taken on Two Hundred and Twenty-second Report (Seventh Lok Sabha).

SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA (Uttar Pradesh): Sir,...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Wait. I have told you. Whenever I say that I will do, I will certainly do it at the appropriate time.

A message from the Lok Sabha will be given later by Secretary-General.

RE: SEALING OF PARLIAMENTARY ARTY OFFICES OF CONGRESS (S), LOK DAL AND D.M.K. IN PARLIAMENT HOUSE

MR. CHAIRMAN: Which one of you will speak?

SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA (Uttar Pradesh): Both.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI (Maharashtra): Both.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Kesri, please wait. You will reply after they finish. Please hear them carefully.

श्री वीरेन्द्र वर्मा : माननीय चेयरमैन महोदय, कल हाउस में माननीय केसरी जी ने आश्वासन दिया था कि जो विरोधी दलों के आफिसेज पार्लियामेंट में सील कर दिये गये हैं उसमें वह हमारी सहायता करेंगे मैं कल चार बजे भी उनसे मिला था और उन्होंने इसी प्रकार का आश्वासन दिया था। जो पार्लियामेंटरी आफेयर्स मिनिस्टर है वह भी सौभाग्य से यहां उपस्थित हैं, भगत जी, मैं माननीय भगत जी से भी आफिस में मिला था उनसे प्रार्थना की थी, हमारे दूसरे साथी भी उनसे मिले थे। माननीय अध्यक्ष लोक सभा जी से भी प्रार्थना की थी और अपने भी कुछ लिख कर भेजा था। पार्लियामेंटरी पार्टी के ठीक से फंक्शन करने के लिए, हाउस की ठीक फंक्शनिंग के लिए आवश्यक है कि आपोजिशन की सभी पार्टियों को सभी सुविधाएं प्रदान की जाएं। मुझे बहुत दुख और अफसोस है कि इस बात की कोई परवाह नहीं की गई। हम सभी बहुत एक्टिव हैं अपने हाउस की फंक्शनिंग के मामले में। मैं आपकी आज्ञा से दोनों मंत्रियों से जो यहां उपस्थित हैं जो हमें आश्वासन दे चुके हैं, उनसे कहना चाहता हूं कि बहुत बड़ी दिक्कत हमें हो रही है, बहुत बड़ी असुविधा हो रही है अपने फंक्शनिंग में तो वह इस बारे में हमें बताये कि वह क्या कर रहे हैं।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Kalmadi, No body else will be allowed to speak on this issue.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: We have still not got a roof over our heads for the last 24 hours, and it is very difficult for us to carry out our parliamentary duties. So, we sought your protection yesterday.

Our party office was sealed. There is a board outside our office saying that it has been sealed under the orders of the administration. But it is a pity that from the Congress (I) side the internal door has been opened. The Congress (I) people are moving freely into our office and going out inspite of our property being inside and inspite of this eye-wash, the seal outside. I do not know how the Congress (I) members are utilising our room. I would like to state that just now the door is open inside. All our property is inside. Quite a bit of our money is inside. We do not know what has happened to all that. And we have every reason to believe....

SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH (Gujarat): Wherefrom has the money come?

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: People contribute money to us. Sir, I can say that I have given a letter.

MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE (Maharashtra): Wherefrom has the money come?

SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA (Himachal Pradesh): It is unaccounted money.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: We do not have crores of rupees like them. We have got only a few hundred rupees there. (*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have not allowed anybody else. Please sit down. Please don't record.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Sir, let me complete my speech.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now, the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs will reply.

SRHI SURESH KALMADI: Sir, let me complete.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now Mr. Kalmadi will complete his speech.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY (Tamil Nadu): Sir, kindly give me one minute only.

MR. CHAIRMAN: No. Please sit down.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: I had given you a letter yesterday ..... (*Interruptions*).

MR. CHAIRMAN: No. No. I am not following a debate on this. Please sit down. I have out of special consideration given you this opportunity, because I am going to see later what exactly is the position. Therefore,...

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Mr. Chairman, Sir, I had given you a letter yesterday in which I had written to you saying that the offices of the DMK, the Lok Dal and the Congress (S) parties have been sealed without informing us. Even the courtesy was not provided. When we were away in the middle of the night they have come and sealed our offices. We had sought your protection and you were good enough to forward the letter to the Speaker, Lok Sabha and you said that you would let us know what has happened about it. Will you be able to protect our interests? Whether we can proceed with our Parliamentary work or not? Do you want us to be non-functional in this House? Do you want that the views of the Opposition parties are not placed in this House? Sir, in this we seek your cooperation. You are a very respected person and we know that you will get us justice. (*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: I will not allow anybody. Now the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs.

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): Mr Chairman, Sir, I would just like to make one or two things clear. So far as the Opposition is concerned, there is no question of our not wanting them to function effectively. Regarding the rules under which allotment is made by the Speaker, these are under the charge of the Speaker. According to previous rule... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Why you could not meet the Opposition Leaders?

SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT: You have made a certain wrong statement and I want to correct you. That you have no knowledge, no notice and no information it is totally wrong. By the time... (*Interruptions*). Please keep quiet. Even Mr. Gopalsamy will bear me out and he cannot deny it.

The Speaker, Lok Sabha, had requested the representatives of the three parties to attend a meeting in this regard and I was also present. The Speaker told them that the present rules are any party which has a combined strength of ten Members can get an office and nobody else. One party has got a strength of five Members and the other of seven Members. They have got less than ten Members and they were told by such and such date they must vacate. On a number occasions the Lok Sabha Secretariat had issued notices to these party offices to vacate the rooms. The Speaker, Lok Sabha had also spoken to them personally.

Mr. Virendra Verma and other hon. Members met me today and I told them that we have to take up the matter with the Speaker, Lok Sabha. Under the present rules, it cannot be done. That is the point.

A wrong statement has been made by some Opposition Members that the Congress (I) party has done it and I want to correct it that we have not done it. The other parties are complaining that they have not got the rooms for doing parliamentary work. The orders have been passed by the Lok Sabha Secretariat to allot rooms to the other parties. That is the position. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:*

MR. CHAIRMAN: Nothing will be recorded (*Interruptions*). I am on my legs. Please sit down. Nothing will go on record.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA (Andhra Pradesh): Sir, alternately you allot them some other rooms.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I want to make it clear as I made it yesterday also that the allotment of space in Parliament House is under the jurisdiction of the Speaker. I have allowed this matter because there is a grievance that it should be ventilated and the debate will now close They will take such action as they can, with the Speaker for restoration.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Whether there is any time-limit?

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: But you proposed to take action.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: I am very sad because you are not giving us any protection.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have said yesterday and I repeat it today that I have forwarded the letter to the Speaker for his consideration and that is all I can do.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Has he replied to you?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now we will take up Special Mentions. Mr. Satya Prakash Malaviya.

12.10 P.M.

NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO THE PANEL OF VICE-CHAIRMEN

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have to inform Members that I have nominated the following members on the Panel of Vice-Chairmen:—

1. Shri Pawan Kumar Bansal
2. Shri Santosh Kumar Sahu

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*Not recorded.